(c) The Government of India has shared its security concerns with Myanmar. The Government of Myanmar has consistently denied granting any facilities to the Chinese. It has assured the Government of India that it would not allow its territory to be used by any third party against the security interests of a friendly neighbour like India.

United Nation's Millennium Summit

3582. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Heads of Governments are meeting for the "U.N.'s Millennium Summit" in New York in September, 2000 to discuss "Role of the United Nations in the 21st Century" based on the Report of the U.N. Secretary-General;

(b) whether U.N. Secretary-General has expressed grave concern by saying "Security Council did not reflect the broad realities of our times and also its composition did not fully represent either the character or needs of the globalised world"; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have been taken at diplomatic level to claim for our membership of the Security Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes Sir. The Heads of State or Government are meeting at the United National in New York on September 6 to 8, 2000 to take part in the Millennium Summit, which will discuss "The role of the United Nations in the twenty-first century". The UN Secretary-General has submitted his report on the Millennium Summit as part of the preparatory process.

(b) The UN Secretary-General has stated in his report that the UN Security Council is based on the distribution of power and alignments in 1945 and that the composition of the Council today does not fully represent either the character or the needs of our globalised world.

(c) The Government of India have taken up India's candidatuce for permanent membership of the UN Security Council at bilateral level with individual countries as well as in discussions at the United Nations.